

REMARKS

This supplemental response merely presents Mr. Morman's declaration submitted herewith and does not change the status of any of the claims. Mr. Morman did not sign his declaration until after the RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION was filed on July 13, 2007.

For the reasons explained below, applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-9 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a) and (e) as being anticipated by Roessler et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,552,245).

Applicants respectfully submit that Roessler et al cannot be used as a reference under Section 102(a) or 102(e) for certain necked bodyside liner aspects of the embodiments of claims 1 and 25 because these aspects were self-evidently invented by Mr. Morman, who also is an inventor of the subject application. See paragraph 3 of Mr. Morman's declaration submitted herewith. The rejection of claims 1 and 25 rely on Roessler et al column 14, lines 1-50 and column 16, line 43 to column 18, line 64. However, these Roessler et al disclosures rely on U.S. Patent No. 4,965,122, which is invented solely by the very same Mr. Morman. Accordingly, these aspects of Roessler et al cannot have been invented "by another" as required for a valid prior art reference under Sections 102(a) and (e).

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claims 1-9 and 25 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a) and (e) over Roessler et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,552,245).

For the reasons explained below, applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 13 - 14 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roessler et al in view of Buell (U.S. Patent No. 4,900,317)

As noted above, Roessler et al is not prior art to the subject application for certain necked bodyside liner aspects of the embodiments of claims 1 and 25 because these aspects were self-evidently invented by Mr. Morman, who also is an inventor of the subject application. Moreover, Buell does not correct these deficiencies in Roessler et al. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claims 13 - 14 and 16-19 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Roessler et al in view of Buell.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 1-9, 13 – 14, 16-19 and 25, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue.

If any fee or extension of time is required to obtain entry of this Amendment, the undersigned hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant any necessary time extension and authorizes charging Deposit Account No. 04-1403 for any such fee not submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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